

Crowd Control Stormtrooper Armor

Kenar Products INC always seems to be on the lookout for a quick credit, possibly explaining why they decided to branch out from the private sector and into the lucrative arena of the Imperial military contract. The dev team quickly developed the MI-007 Crowd Control Powerlifter armor. Given Kenar's successful history in the civilian market, Imperial civilian project coordinator Commander Jendar gave the company free reign to design and develop a working production line of urban pacification units.

Kenar's plan was a simple one. Feared throughout the galaxy, stormtroopers are the elite shock troops deployed in support of both ground forces and the Imperial fleet. They are responsible for policing Imperial outposts and territories, accountable for sustaining Imperial control in even the most dangerous sectors. This can be a challenging and often deadly assignment for the most reliable shock troop squadrons. Tough port cities have high populations of outlaws, criminals, smugglers, and other anti-Imperial types who create a typically chaotic atmosphere. If the Stormtroopers could be outfitted and equipped to strike fear into entire mobs of rebel insurgents and other troublemakers, just one stormtrooper could become an unstoppable force of nature.

The packs themselves are made up of two large thrusters that extend outward for flight. Once in the air, a trooper can simply hover or travel up to speeds of 200 km per hour. Dual hand levers provide acceleration as well as directional and weapons control. Mounted on the bolstered arms is a heavy blaster module, a grappling claw used for massive lifting and prisoner hauling, and a supercharged taser that sends out a shockwave useful for repulsing and immobilizing victims.

However the packs tended to be pushed over by the very crowds they were meant to subdue. Simply, the units moved too slowly for effective combat. Attempting to create a successful unit, several designs from the Wingblast pack were integrated - but were scrapped due to incompatibility with the new designs. Infighting among the executive officers of the project tended to screw up communication. Cost over-runs and delays plagued the project. However, despite warning signs, production problems, design flaws, and other such critical problems with the project, the design was given the green light. The entire production line was unveiled on Coruscant, to lord Vader personally.

It was the only time in recorded history that the Dark Lord was ever heard to laugh.

Reports on what transpired after that are spotty at best. The entire design team, marketing division, and several executive board members were swiftly rounded up and terminated. Commander Jendar disappeared shortly thereafter, under mysterious circumstances. This unfortunately did nothing for the Empire, who was stuck with well over 1,500,000 of the units. Forced to either use the armor enhancements or absorb the loss, the Empire decided to integrate the units into regular military rotation. They don't see the light of day often, but Crowd Control Stormtrooper battalions do occasionally see action - the riots on Coruscant shortly after the battle of Endor is a

testimonial to the outstanding effectiveness of the unit.

Model: Kenar Products INC. MI-007 Crowd Control Powerlifter

Type: Personal battle armor attachment

Cost: Not Available (4,000-7,000 credits on the invisible market)

Availability: 4,X

Game Use:

Basic Suit: Provides +3D to Lifting and Brawling rolls.
-3D to Dexterity and -3 movement units while wearing the pack (in addition to Stormtrooper Armor penalties).

Jet Pack: 75 meters move horizontally; 35 meters, vertically. 25 Charges.

Weapons (uses Armor Weapons skill):

Heavy Blaster Cannons - 8D Damage, range: 3-4/50/200

Shockwave Taser Cannon - 6D Damage (stun only), range: 3-10/20/30

